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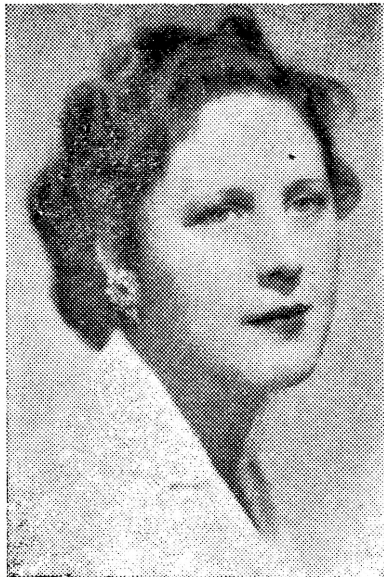
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MAINE—Host to New England Conference

Mrs. Clarence E. Holt, Chairman of Publicity, N. E. Conference.

It is not too early to be looking forward to the meeting of the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs to be held at the Poland Spring House, September 26, 27, and 28.

Hotel rates are as follows:

Room with twin beds and private bath, \$11.00.

Room with twin beds and single room with private bath between, \$10.00.

Two twin bed rooms, with private bath between, \$10.00.

Two single rooms with private bath between, \$12.00.

Single room with private bath, \$14.00.

Single or twin-bed room with running hot and cold water, \$9.00.

All rates are quoted on a per person, per day basis, which includes meals as the hotel operates on the American Plan.

Banquet service may be had at any meal desired without additional charge to registered guests, but arrangements for this service must be made in advance.

Meals for non-registered guests will be: Breakfast, \$1.50; Luncheon, \$2.50; Dinner, \$3.00.

Automobiles must be parked in either garage at \$1.00 per day, or parking space at 50c per day. Employees will be available for this service.

For the three-day session, Mrs. Henry W. Hildreth of Winchester, Mass., President of the New England Conference, will preside. Mrs. John M. Pierce of Springfield, Vermont is Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference.

Mrs. Albert E. Chittenden of Auburn, Me., a Past President of the New England Conference, is General Chairman for the Poland Spring meeting.

Mrs. LeRoy R. Folsom, N. E. Conference Vice President, will be Program Chairman. She announces the following tentative plans:

The banquet Thursday evening the 26th will be in honor of Mrs. LaFell Dickinson, President of the General Federation, who will be guest speaker. Mrs. Dickinson, whose home is in Keene, N. H., is proudly claimed by New England Conference as their own.

On Friday morning The Presidents' Town Meeting will be a feature. The general subject will be "Women and Citizenship," chosen at the January meeting of the Executive Board.

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American Home Day University of Maine

ADELAIDE B. KNOWLTON, Editor
Maine Federation News

The sixteenth annual meeting of the American Home Department of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs was held on Tuesday, March 26, at the University of Maine, Orono, as a part of the Annual Farm and Home Week.

Mrs. Donald Folsom, Chairman of the American Home Department presided.

Mrs. Bert A. MacKenzie of Orono led the large assembly in the impressive recitation of the Club Collect, which was followed by the Flag Salute, conducted by Mrs. John S. Paul of York Beach, Chairman of the Department of American Citizenship.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Philip V. Corey of Damariscotta, President, who spoke in honor of American Homes. She cited three homes that she had visited recently which in spite of great difficulties, through the exercise of unusual stamina and courage, were maintained as real homes.

The first was the Blaine House, which is the property of the citizens of Maine and where, at any time, anyone can knock at the door and be admitted to wander about the rooms. It is practically a public auditorium, and yet it is the core of a real American home.

She spoke of having tea with Mrs. Sumner Sewall at her apartment on Park Ave., with its roaring traffic and its limitations. No longer are the members of this out-door loving family able to run about on spacious grounds as they did at Blaine House, but Mrs. Sewall has been able to hold and maintain the atmosphere of a true home.

The third visit of which Mrs. Corey spoke was that to the White House, where she attended a tea. Secret Service men were everywhere. An aid was always by the side of Mrs. Truman. She and her family are always in the public eye, and yet even in the White House, in spite of all the formality, she keeps alive the spirit of a true American home.

Many women, Mrs. Corey said, think that their job is to stay at home and care for their families and it is their first duty, but unless a mother goes about and gleans outside information regarding conditions at school and in the neighborhood, how is she going to combat dangers to which her chil-

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President's Message

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and clothed them. We've even fought their battles. Let's be rid of such parasites once and for all. Let them starve."

I say, we must not let them starve! In this ONE WORLD in which we live, all men are brothers, and we our brothers keepers.

How I wish you might have heard, as I did at a world-affairs forum held in Boston several weeks ago, the accounts of foreign correspondents who had been eye-witnesses of this panorama of human suffering. Burned in my memory are the pictures of the old and feeble and the little children, trudging into the country-side for a distance of 15 miles every day in search of a few sticks of wood to keep them warm. I can still see clearly, the long queues of thinly-clad people shivering in line six hours every day in order to obtain food for one scanty meal. Never-to-be-forgotten, too, is the word picture of human beings foraging desperately through garbage cans and refuse heaps. And everywhere are the dead and the dying.

On Easter Sunday you and I and millions of Americans went to Church. Why? Because of a reverence and deep desire to pay homage to One who gave not a little, but his very life for others. His principles are the yardstick by which we strive to measure the worth of our daily lives. The poor and oppressed were always His greatest concern. The starving millions in Europe's stricken lands should be our Christian concern today. "Whatsoever ye do unto the least of these my brethren, do ye also unto Me."

The crisis is upon them and us. The need is urgent. The time is NOW.

American Home Day

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dren may be subjected, when she doesn't even know such dangers exist.

Mrs. Corey urged that we share our houses, if possible, with returned veterans, and especially that we be kind to the war brides in our community. "Friendliness," she said, "shown to a foreign-born girl will lead to international friendliness and perhaps to international peace."

"What's coming in Ranges and Refrigerators" was the subject discussed by Arlean Pattison of the Woman's Home Companion.

"Manufacturers are worried," she said, "over the persistent rumors that wonderful new things are coming soon in the way of electric ranges, refrigerators and washing machines. That cannot be, for no reliable manufacturer puts any product on the market until it has been thoroughly tried out, and an improvement may take years to be perfected."

She advised any prospective purchaser to buy from a dependable local dealer, to buy from a reputable manufacturer and to select the model best adapted to her own needs.

The morning session was concluded with a very interesting Round Table discussion by Orono High School students, led by Mr. Carleton Higgins, on the subject: "What American Young People Are Thinking."

This feature was entirely unheard-of. The questions were presented by members of the group and a lively debate followed each one.

After much discussion the following conclusions to the questions were reached.

First question: "Should girls smoke?" Conclusion: "Smoking should be controlled."

Second question: "Should there be compulsory military training?" Conclusion: "If American people choose progressive, alert men for the leaders of their government, compulsory military training would not be necessary."

Third question: "How far should the U. S. go in intervening in European affairs?" Conclusion: "The U. S. should stress feeling and should direct education in the conquered countries."

Fourth question: "What do you think of American soldiers marrying foreign girls?" Conclusion: "The point should be WHOM is he marrying, not what is he marrying. If love is the prime element, what does nationality matter?"

Fifth question: "Should a high school boy have access to a car?" Conclusion: "If the individual has been brought up with the right training, then a boy with an auto will be all right."

These young speakers placed the blame for any juvenile delinquency squarely on the shoulders of the parents and teachers.

Another thought which they expressed and to which all emphatically agreed was: "Whatever books are fit to be on the parents' bookshelves, are, or SHOULD be, readable by the children.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served, cafeteria style, in Estabrook basement.

Mr. Harrison Lakin of York Village was the first speaker of the afternoon session, his subject being, "Russia—New World Power." Mr. Larkin has spent much of his life in Europe, Asia and Africa, in the diplomatic service, as well as in Washington.

"Out of World War II," he said, "U. S. and Russia have emerged as the only two great powers. From a military standpoint, one is as great as the other. Potentially, they are almost equal in their capacity for destruction, but Russia is just as anxious

for Peace as is the U. S. 'So long as Russia is in UNO and we have conferences regarding problems, we are on the road to collaboration.' The U. S. has no vital problems over which to clash and go to war with Russia unless we come to it indirectly through Korea, Manchuria, Iran, Turkey or Greece. Therefore," he said, "the U. S. should find ways of collaborating with Russia, and of smoothing out differences, thereby leading to World Peace."

The second speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Grace Foster, who spoke on the subject: "Giving Our Children Security."

"Security," said Dr. Foster, "needs a chance to be deeply rooted and a chance to grow. Love and affection must be given to a baby in early infancy in order for the baby to have the feeling of security. This feeling of security grows," she said, "and in an older child becomes stability. The sense of belonging is the source of security and the lack of it in a child's life almost without fail results in delinquency."

"Have you the Post-War Look?" asked Muriel Cox, Dean of the School of Retail, Boston, as she began her address on the subject of styles.

She said in part, that one can no more stop changing fashion than changing history. Of necessity, fashion has been static since 1942, but a change has been setting in for the past few months. The silhouette is changing with a tightening of the waistline, larger sleeves and longer, fuller skirts.

In closing Miss Cox warned against unnecessary buying, as we are now in a period of inflation in clothes.

After the meeting a very delightful reception was given by Mrs. Arthur A. Hauck in her spacious home.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Olive Folsom, Chairman of the Department of American Home, whose efforts are responsible in large measure for this very successful event.

**Make Your Reservations for
The Marshall House Now!
The dates, June 26, 27 & 28**

Radio

MRS. CECIL WITHAM

Radio Chairman

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Temporary plans are being made at this time to have a broadcast next fall and winter to be known as the "Woman's Club of the Air." This will be a weekly broadcast, probably on Saturday afternoon. This broadcast will include varied programs and we solicit information and suggestions for program material from all individual clubs and all departments of work. The program must not only be good but it must be of the very best quality in order to be of general listening interest.

Your committee feels that this is a good start toward something bigger and better in Federation work and we hope for the cooperation of all our members.

JUNIOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

EMMA C. HARDING, Chairman

Junior Membership

The Junior Clubwomen of Maine, though few in number, have spent an active year in the service of their respective communities. In the coming year we hope to add more clubs to our membership, thereby adding more clubwomen for this all important work.

The Junior Clubs will start an all-out drive to raise funds for Children's Hospital Work in Maine. This is a large project—admittedly too large for such a small group; but we believe that if we can give it a start, others will help carry on.

We are facing a new club year and a new world with new hopes and ideals. Let us not disappoint those who look to us for help. The following reports from our various Junior Clubs will show how we have carried out that part of our Junior Pledge which says: "By living each day, trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist."

Junior Woman's Club of Guilford

MRS. BERTHA WILLIS, President

Our club program this year included worthwhile programs on the Department of War Service and Post War Planning, Department of Education, Department of American Home, Department of International Relations, Department of Literature, Department of Legislation, Department of American Citizenship, Department of Music, and the Department of Art. Speakers at these programs have included a High School history teacher, a State Senator, and the Supervisor of Elementary Education of Maine. At other meetings, club members have done quite a lot of research and have read very interesting papers.

At one meeting the D. K. Hammett Corp., of Portland, Maine kindly showed a beautiful and educational film in technicolor entitled, "Trees and Homes."

During the year, the club has donated to the following: War Chest Fund, New England Home for Little Wanderers, Health Seals, Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave, Salvation Army, Easter Seals, Good Samaritan Home, Cancer Control, and the Red Cross.

We have a limited membership of twenty-five, with five honorary members. We feel this limited membership makes us a more active club. Each member feels duty bound to do her best, as there is always a waiting list of others who wish to join.

Our club sponsors a Child Health Clinic, the Easter Seal Drive, the Cancer Control Drive, and during the war, we made Red Cross Kit Bags.

We also held a Bazaar which netted us \$187. We turned this entire amount over to the Music Fund for the schools, to be used by our music teacher to purchase badly needed material such as books, musical instruments and victrolas.

We also support the Endowment Fund, and subscribe to "Federation News" and "Clubwoman."

The Fairfield Junior Woman's Club

MRS. FREDA JEWELL, President

This club is a newly organized group of 27 members, becoming a member of the Federation in June, 1945.

Our activities began with a special meeting held in July, 1945, at Martha Pillsbury's cottage in Hinckley, for the purpose of a social gathering.

Our main project for the year has been sponsoring a newly organized Girl Scout Troop. Two members of the club have served faithfully with the leader, Dorothy Clark. In February the troop put on a most interesting program for the club.

May 10th we are to tender the scouts, their mothers and leaders a Mother-Daughter banquet.

May 14th brings to a close our first year with a banquet at the Lancey House in Pittsfield, at which time we will have election of officers for the coming year.

Guests of the evening will be Mrs. Stella Jewell and Mrs. Janet Rogers, sponsors of our club.

Wassookeag Junior Literary Club

The members of the Wassookeag Junior Literary Club accomplished four projects this year, namely:

1. We started our year by fixing up a club room, kitchen and recreation room.

2. During the summer months we sponsored the canning center in town benefiting the school children's hot lunch program.

3. A Christmas fair was held, earning more than four hundred dollars, part of which has gone to charity.

4. We gave the use of our club and recreation rooms for high school students to use for parties and dancing.

The subject studied for the year was "Our Town," taking up the Town Manager form of government, duties of Town Manager and Selectmen, Tax Assessment, Town Finances, School Board and Duties, Health and Sanitation, Charities, Public Works, Protection of Persons and Properties, Town Real Estate, and Post War Plans. During the year a mock town meeting was held and greatly enjoyed.

The Wassookeag Junior Literary club is very proud to have a member of the Dexter Literary Club, Mrs. Norman F. Plouff, as our district director.

Materials and money were collected by members for the Pine Tree Society of Crippled Children and the Easter Sale was in charge of a Junior member, Mrs. Dennis Cleaves.

Defense stamps and bonds were purchased by members of the club and an essay contest held at the high school on the subject: "How I plan to use my War Bonds." Three prizes were given.

The club membership has grown by the admission of fourteen new members.

The club year closed with a banquet at the Lancey House in Pittsfield with election of new officers and prospects of a grand year ahead for them.

MARJORIE BUXTON, President

Madison Junior Woman's Club

LUCILLE HENDERSON, Secretary

All members have contributed 10c each week toward the purchase of war bonds.

On Oct. 27 a food sale was held.

All members acted as collectors during the War Chest Drive.

The club held a dance on Jan. 12.

The members have made an afghan which is to be given to one of the branches of the Armed Services.

We have also contributed to many worthwhile institutions such as Good Samaritan Home, Endowment Fund, New England Home for Little Wanderers, Red Cross, Clothing Drive.

At present we are sponsoring the Cancer Control Drive which is our major project and which last year netted the sum of \$360.65.

Obkoe Club

MARJORIE CLOUGH, Secretary

The regular meetings of the Obkoe Club are held on the first Thursday of each month, with each member taking her turn entertaining. At each meeting, one member presents her program after the business meeting. These programs for the past year have consisted of the reading of a play, story, or article considered by that member to be of interest.

At our next meeting, which will be held on May 2nd, we plan to invite and entertain at least two British war brides.

Plans are now being made for our annual Mother-Daughter Banquet for the middle of May. Our speaker will be Mrs. Wallace Anderson, who is a very prominent reader in Portland, and who has been with us on a similar occasion.

During the past year we have sent contributions to the Opportunity Farm, Community Chest, New England Home for Little Wanderers, Red Cross, as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to a needy family.

The Amicus Club

THELMA D. FITTS, President

Our most worthwhile activity was to sponsor the War Chest campaign in which we achieved the quota set for Corinna, also raising \$150 for Boy Scout work in our local troop.

Our next activity concerns our yearly project which was to raise money towards the preparation of an athletic field for the youth of the town and to serve recreational needs, and as a memorial to the veterans.

We also sponsored the Easter Seal Sale, and we appoint yearly an active member on the local Health Council.

Our speakers this year include our District Director, Mrs. Norman F. Plouff; Mrs. Bert McKenzie of the Federation; Rev. Frederick Niles, who

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Books to Enjoy

ELIZABETH LANE WEBB

The Spring Catalogues have appeared with the usual quota of new books with many new authors' names featured who have yet to make their place with the reading public. Most of those commented upon here are known to many readers.

Daphne du Maurier, an old favorite, brings us "The King's General," an arresting and lusty tale of middle seventeenth century.

Charles Morgan, noted for his "Fountain" and "Sparkenbroke" gives us "The Voyage," a leisurely volume, beautifully written of Paris and its environs.

Donald Peattie, the famous naturalist, presents "The Immortal Village," full of freshness and charm sure to be a favorite.

Frances Parkinson Keyes, long well-known to the reading public comes forward with one of her full-length novels, "The River Road," a story of Louisiana and an interesting family living midway between Baton Rouge and New Orleans; an excellent picture of Southern life.

Our long acquaintance with Agnes Thirkall and her pictures of quiet English life makes us open with pleasure her "Miss Bunting" knowing we shall be carried along with satisfaction and delight.

"The Arch of Triumph," by E. Remarque is one of his strong realistic pictures, its central figure a continental surgeon, considered by many the finest from his pen.

Gladys Schmidt of Columbia University brings us another novel, "David the King." She retells the Bible Story with vividness and much detail. You will like to read it, leisurely, checking as you go, its fidelity to Israelite history.

Margaret Campbell Barnesin's "My Lady of Cleves" steps us right into the midst of Henry VIII's reign, after the death of Jane Seymour his third wife. At this time a delegation is sent to the Netherlands with Hans Holbein the Artist, who was commissioned to paint miniatures of Amelia and Anne of Cleves to be submitted to the king that he might make a choice of one for his fourth wife. The exquisite miniature sent to the king in the heart of an ivory rose is now in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Into this novel the author has woven a moving love story in the secret attachment of Anne for Hans Holbein. Also a new light is thrown on legendary Henry and the almost forgotten figure of the simple Flemish princess.

A book which I foresee will mount on the list of best sellers and which some think will rival the "Robe" in popularity is "The Antioch Actress," by J. R. Perkins, author of the movingly beautiful "Emperor's Physician," which came out last year.

During Trajan's reign a plan was conceived to present in the theatre in Antioch a series of pantomimes ridiculing the Christians.

The stage director of Pompey's theatre, a playwright and a famous mime Actress are sent to Antioch to produce the Pantomimes. From thence the story moves on rapidly with a dramatic and unexpected ending. Mr. Perkins tells an enthralling tale with an excellent background of Christian history.

Read the new Life of Dickens in which the world's best-loved novelist steps out a newly revealed Dickens. Considered the best life since Forester's.

"Burma Surgeon Returns," by Sea-grave is just as winning and gallant as his "Burma Surgeon"; and has interest and value far beyond the narrative. He pays high tribute to General Stillwell.

Of all the fine biographies of William Allen White, none is more satisfying and illuminating than his own autobiography which will be read with great pleasure and profit by all.

"B. O. W. S.," Margalo Gilmore's account of Katherine Cornell's taking the Barretts of Wimpole Street over to play for the Allied Forces overseas is a delightful picture of the traveling trials of a theatrical troupe and the delight of their audiences at each performance.

Two Maine books are prominent on the list this Spring, "The Islanders," by Elizabeth Foster, describing the life of two generations on an island in one of the Rangeley Lakes; and R. E. Gould's "Country Store Keeper." This chronicle is full of chuckle-raising yarns that show imagination, daring and a sense of fun and kindness. Mr. Gould is uncle to the genial editor of the Lisbon Enterprise and author of "Farmer Takes a Wife."

To me the most worthwhile book of the season is the illuminating "Starling of the White House." Col. Starling was secret service man at the White House detailed to President Wilson just after the loss of his first wife through his second marriage, his trips abroad, and his disillusionment over the League of Nations; through the Harding and Coolidge administration, and with Hoover and Roosevelt until he retired. His revealing pictures of the occupants of the White House are remarkable. He formed a deep friendship with Coolidge of whom he said, "I liked him as a man, I loved him as a friend." Here is his summary of the five with whom he worked. Wilson was the American concerned with the perfection of his own country unaware of Europe as a factor in his destiny. Harding, was the American disillusioned in the hope that he was encountering reasonable men and situations.

Coolidge was the apotheosis of the Americans idea of himself, a canny fellow with a dry wit, a sharp mind, a trading instinct and a solid backing of morality.

Hoover was the Successful American, efficient, honest, and well intentioned.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was a man with a four foot yardstick, as vigorous and optimistic as the pioneers, but wise from a century of party politics and no longer naive about Europe and her balance of power.

Maine Hosts to N. E. Conference

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The Presidents have chosen their own sub-topics as follows:

Maine—Mrs. Philip V. Corey, "The Elimination of Prejudice."

New Hampshire—Miss Margaret H. Howison, "Women's Place in Politics."

Vermont—Mrs. Howard P. Hill, "The Home, a Training Ground for Citizenship."

Mass.—Mrs. Harvey E. Greenwood, "Community Responsibilities for Citizenship."

Conn.—Mrs. Elliott Petersen, "Spiritual Values."

Rhode Island — Mrs. Charles F. Towne's Successor, "The Clubwoman and her Community."

On Friday afternoon, there will be a forum on the U.N.O., with speakers representative of foreign countries.

Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith, Congresswoman from Maine will be a speaker at the Saturday session (morning).

Miss Marion Martin, Republican National Committeewoman from Maine, has accepted provisionally an invitation to speak at the Thursday afternoon opening meeting.

Governor Horace A. Hildreth will be a guest speaker at the banquet on Friday evening, the 27th.

Mrs. Marion Payne Louissell of Auburn will be Chairman of Music. Other committees and plans will be announced.

Amicus Club

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spoke on "Art" and included in his talk, his work on stained glass windows while a student in Boston. He also exhibited oil paintings which he had done.

Another interesting meeting was held open to the public, with emphasis on this being a youth program, when we brought Princess Watawaso to our club. The children were very interested in this program and over 200 attended.

One more meeting was extremely interesting, the subject being, "Our Latin American Neighbors." The Spanish class at Corinna Union Academy presented the customs, climate, foods, etc., of Mexico in Spanish, which were interpreted, then a Spanish play was presented. Spanish songs and music were also given.

Our meetings have all been very interesting this year, but these seemed to be outstanding.

Miosac Club

GERTRUDE CUSHMAN, President

Our club has sponsored the Girl Scouts in town (two of our members being councillors). We also sent out the Easter seals for crippled children. Except for our regular programs (all of which have been very interesting) that is all we have done this year.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION

MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, YORK HARBOR, MAINE

JUNE 26, 27 AND 28, 1946

Dear Clubwomen:

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Spring Convention of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Marshall House, York Harbor, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 26, 27 and 28, 1946. The conference which is meeting at York Harbor by invitation of the clubs of District 13, will convene at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday afternoon, June 26th, in the ball-room of the Marshall House. At that time, reports of the year's accomplishments in the various fields of Federation endeavor will be heard and received. This first post-war year has been one of definite growth and progress. A close attention to the significance of these reports will give you a new vision and an increased value of the worth of your State Federation. Concluding this session will be a speaker in the youth field, Mr. Frank Weston Barber, Founder and Director of the American Youth Council, who will talk on "Old American Ideals and the Youth of Today."

The banquet the evening of the 26th will be held in the dining room of the Marshall House and will honor the District Directors. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Bert A. MacKenzie, first vice president and chairman of Directors and will feature brief talks by the District Directors under the heading of "Club Impressions, 1945-46." After the banquet the assembly will adjourn to the Music Room where a concert will be given by the Marshall House orchestra. Mr. Maurice Day, widely known Maine artist who photographed all of the beautiful woods scenes in the Katahdin area for Walt

Disney's "Bambi" will present a showing of his superb color photography titled, "An Artist's Trail Notes."

The Thursday morning session will come to order at 9:00 o'clock in the ballroom of the Marshall House at which time a Club Institute will be conducted by the chairman, Mrs. Roselle Huddilston. This institute proved to be a very popular feature at the mid-winter meeting where club problems were discussed and questions answered. Come prepared with YOUR questions and problems. A most important State Chairmen's Forum will follow under the leadership of Mrs. Gilbert F. Loeb, Dean of Department Chairmen. At this forum the conditions and needs of the State relating to the individual Departments represented, will be discussed in detail. Excellent music and a talk by Mrs. Guy P. Gannett, President of the National Federation of Music Clubs titled, "Cultural Horizons of Tomorrow," will further high-light this morning session.

Your Federation is fortunate in having as a guest speaker for the afternoon session, Mrs. John M. Pierce, Chairman of the Literature Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Pierce was chairman of the recently conducted Atlantic Monthly Essay Contest. She is taking for her topic, "What Shall I Read?" A Hospitality Tea given through the courtesy of the clubs of District 13 at the clubrooms of the Women's League of York, will conclude a happy afternoon.

The banquet that evening will honor the past presidents of the State Feder-

ation. The Marshall House orchestra will play throughout the dinner. Following greetings from the past presidents the assembly will then adjourn to the Music Room to listen to Professor Robert P. Tristram Coffin, poet and author, who will talk on "How A Poet Works." The concluding speaker will be Dr. Bernard P. Feld, who was one of a group of scientists doing important work in connection with the atom bomb during the war. He will take for his topic, "The International Aspects of the Atomic Bomb." A question and answer period will follow.

The final session Friday morning beginning at 9:00 o'clock will conclude the business of the convention.

Make your reservations for this meeting directly with Mr. Gilman L. Moulton, Manager, Marshall House, York Harbor, Maine. The price per day beginning with the banquet the evening of June 26 is \$10.25. This includes both room and meals. General Conference Chairman is Mrs. Archer Littlefield, Director of District 13, Ogunquit, Maine.

In addition to the more serious aspects of our convention, music, literature, poetry and art is to be generously provided for your enjoyment.

Any federated clubwoman, whether a delegate or not, may attend. This is YOUR convention. Let us express our appreciation to District 13 for its hospitality by attending this Spring convention in larger numbers than ever before.

Sincerely,

LILLIAN COREY, President

Resolutions—Spring Convention

Those wishing to present Resolutions to be acted upon at the annual convention of the Maine Federation, June 26-28, are urged to send them to the Chairman of Resolutions, Mrs. Everard L. French, 6 Middle Street, Winthrop, at least a month before the meeting, that the Resolutions Committee may be giving them consideration.

Federation Pins

At a recent meeting of the Federation's Executive Board it was voted not to order a supply of Federation pins at the present time. The prices quoted by the jewellers continue to be so much higher than what was paid before the war, it was deemed advisable to wait a little longer.

Transportation to GFWC Chicago Convention

Members of the Maine Federation planning to attend the General Federation meeting in Chicago June 17-22, and wishing to join other New England clubwomen in the train trip, may contact Mrs. Maude E. MacKenzie, Orono, first vice president.

An itinerary has been printed and all arrangements for the trip are being made by a Massachusetts travel bureau. Prices from Boston to Chicago and return range from \$94.20 for upper berth to \$112.75 for drawing room accommodations. It will be an overnight train trip.

Dinners, luncheons and tours are being planned in connection with the convention for which reservations are to be made in advance. You may contact Mrs. MacKenzie for further information.

Sincerely,

MAUDE E. MacKENZIE

CLUB PROGRAMS FOR COMING YEAR

At the present time pamphlets are being sent to every club president in the state outlining the aims, program suggestions and sources for material of each department of work. This is a new project sponsored by the Departments of Work under the chairmanship of Mrs. Gilbert F. Loeb of Waterville, 2nd vice president. The programs have been carefully selected as the most important projects of each department. There is also included in the pamphlet a speaker's bureau. The personnel of this bureau have agreed to present programs, providing all expenses such as transportation and entertainment are met by the club.

It is hoped that each president will give this pamphlet to the program chairman of her club to aid her in the selection of programs for the coming year.

Famine Emergency Relief

Each Club President is asked to present this matter to her club members and to get the names and addresses of all who want a copy of the helpful publication titled "How Home-Makers Can Help Save Food to Fight Famine." *This pamphlet with many practical suggestions is available from Miss Briwa, Foods Specialist of the Agricultural Extension Service, Orono, Maine. Each woman can get a copy by herself by applying for it, either individually or through the Club President.

I wish to call attention also to the fact that "Safety" (in the home and elsewhere) is a topic recently added to this department's study outline. I suggest that you include some discussion on "Safety" in your American Home Program.

The homemaker has a grave responsibility in practicing the rules of safety as well as in instructing every member of her family about the hazards and about the precautions that can be taken.

A very practical sixteen-page pamphlet called "Safe at Home" gives well illustrated suggestions for safety in the home, with a room by room description. It also gives statistics on accidents in the home and tells what the National Safety Council does about home safety and what you can do about it. This pamphlet may be obtained for ten cents from the National Safety Council, 20 No. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill. When sending for it, one might as well request also their free price list of publications, devices, and supplies.

Every homemaker is asked to save food for the world's starving people, starting now. Wheat and wheat products and food fats and oils are the main kinds of food being shipped overseas to prevent famine, food riots, and the need for sending over more American soldiers to quell food riots. The national famine emergency committee is calling on all householders to reduce purchases of wheat products by 40 percent and fats by 20 percent (if you can still get the normal amount).

Half of these quotas probably can be met by simply using everything and wasting nothing. The rest can be met by replacing wheat and fat foods by other kinds. This substitution would be beneficial to many who are overweight.

The worst thing to do is to overbuy and hoard. The need is with us now, and it is unfair to our neighbors and inhuman to those who are in want for us to take more than our share.

OLIVE H. FOLSOM, Chairman
American Home Dept.

* A copy of this pamphlet is printed on 8.

District No. 6

MRS. CARL DAVIS, District Director

On Friday afternoon, April 5th, a meeting of the Searchlight Club of Rumford was held at the Methodist Church Parlor.

Clubs whose members were in attendance at this meeting were: Rumford Study Club, Christian Valley Literary Club, Rumford Center; Fidelity Literary Club, Mexico; and Advance Club of Dixfield.

Mrs. Philip Corey of Damariscotta, President of Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, was the guest speaker. She gave a most interesting talk on the Herald Tribune Forum meeting.

The Advance Club of Dixfield reported on Youth Recreation Center, now called the Eureka Club. Five hundred dollars has been donated for this project, also ping pong tables, victrola, card games and magazines. The club rooms are open twice a week. They are also available for Girl Scout and Boy Scout meetings.

The Searchlight Club reported that Teen Town was officially opened last December in the Institute Building. The average attendance in the afternoon being from thirty to forty and from ninety to one hundred in the evening. As spring approaches the attendance decreases. The Searchlight Club and Study Club help by supporting supervisors for Teen Town.

At the close of the meeting tea was served. Evelyn Jones, the Club President, poured, assisted by Alice Lamb.

Club Institute

ROSELLE W. HUDDILSTON

Chairman of Institutes

I have been asked to make some suggestions in the news about club procedure, so I am jotting down a few difficulties and am suggesting easy and proper ways to get around them. These are all things I have many times observed at clubs: one is that solemn and awful moment after the president or secretary has presented a matter and not a soul says a word. The president feels helpless and embarrassed. Here is what she may do, she may say, "Mrs. X moves we do so and so, and Mrs. Z seconds her motion," of course substituting the names of members present. Then she may call for discussion, and eventually put the question to vote. Very often a president may say "it is a vote unless doubted," but this is not advisable if much difference of opinion is evident. A point to bear in mind is always to allow full and complete discussion, taking care, however, that it be kept to the point in question.

One authority on Parliamentary Procedure says a president should never say, in calling for a vote, "please signify by the USUAL sign." There is no USUAL sign. Either say "all in favor say aye," or "all in favor show by the upraised hand." And I think it is the same authority who says, "never say 'contrary minded the same sign.' Your members are not 'contrary.' Say 'opposed please signify by the same sign.'"

I'll be very glad to discuss in a later issue any parliamentary questions that members may care to send in. If I don't know the answers I'll ask some one who does.

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One Meal—out of the three where the entire family assembles for the table grace.

One Right—of free speech to be heard in behalf of his own rights.

Two Privileges—privacy when needed, ownership and care of personal property.

Two Requirements—Courtesy and Kindness.

Two Commandments—Obedience and Reverence.

Half Dozen Daily Chores—to feel family responsibility and to develop dependability.

One Yard—for friends, fights, and fun.

One Community—where the salutation is 'Hi there, neighbor.'

One School—for educational opportunity and talent development.

One Church—for spiritual guidance and Christian fellowship.

Put into the warm oven of family love and let alone long enough to get into mischief, but watched closely enough to be kept out of devilment, and in magic time you will have a child—foolproof against delinquency."

—The Iowa Clubwoman

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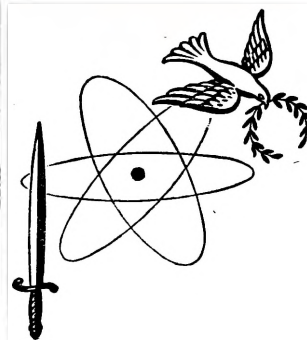
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General Federation Membership

MRS. MAUDE E. MacKENZIE

State Extension Chairman

Having been appointed State Chairman of Club Extension in Maine your first vice president is enlisting the co-operation of the District Directors and club presidents in bringing to the attention of clubs, not in direct membership with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the importance of taking that step this year.

The names of the 36 clubs in the Maine Federation which belonged to the General Federation as of October, 1945, are listed on Page 10 of the Maine Federation News and Year Book of that month.

Since that time the following clubs have applied for membership in the national organization, making a total to date of 43:

October Club, Bucksport
Ellsworth Literature Club, Ellsworth
The Philomathian Club, Fort Fairfield
Mt. Desert Woman's Literary Club, Mt. Desert
Old Town Woman's Club, Old Town
Woman's Literary Club, Seal Harbor
Friday Club, Southwest Harbor

We would like to see this number increased 100 per cent as we believe the clubwomen of Maine would benefit to a high degree through association with the various women's clubs throughout the world.

A few of the advantages to be derived from such membership are:

1. Clubs are entitled to the full services of General Federation headquarters which include a research library, club program services, loan material, exhibits, etc.

2. A free copy of the monthly magazine, *The Clubwoman*, mailed to the president of each club. This magazine contains all the program material of the national chairmen, a monthly message from the national president, and featured or special articles.

3. Entitles the local club to vote on all resolutions (by mail or by delegate) presented at national conventions for consideration or adoption.

4. Entitles each club to a voting delegate (or more, according to the size of the club) at all national meetings.

5. The club automatically receives copies of all letters sent out by the national chairmen. Much of this material can be adopted for local use.

6. The General Federation offers women the greatest interests, opportunities and influence because its area of membership is national and international and its purposes are thus broadened and its power consequently multiplied.

7. Member clubs of the Federation are asked to join with other clubs of the national organization in active campaigns for legislative measures,

thus giving power to the voice of the individual clubs.

8. Membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs means affiliation with the largest and most influential women's organization in the world. It has about 16,500 clubs with a membership of over two million women throughout the world.

9. An individual club can hope for success locally and yet be powerless in a state or national movement, but when clubs are banded together in a national organization such projects may be carried to completion by the united efforts of the clubwomen throughout the country.

Dues to the General Federation of Women's Clubs are 15 cents per capita, the same amount as to the State Federation. Clubs wishing to apply for membership in the national organization should fill out two forms which may be secured from the District Directors or from the State Extension Chairman, Mrs. MacKenzie.

These forms, accompanied by a copy of the club's Constitution and By-laws and a check made payable to the Gen. Fed. of Women's Clubs covering the 15 cents per capita dues, should be mailed to Mrs. B. A. MacKenzie, 169 Main Street, Orono.

Your new State Extension Chairman is working with Mrs. Maybelle H. Brown of Waterville, a Past President of the Maine Federation, who is Chairman of Zone 1 of the General Federation Extension Committee.

How Homemakers Can Help Save Food to Fight Famine

From

The Food Conservation Committee of the Maine U.S.D.A. Council

Potatoes "Reach for a potato instead of bread."

One small serving of potato can replace a slice of bread nutritionally, and the potato offers some vitamin C, besides.

At breakfast, let potatoes replace wheat cereal, toast, or biscuit.

If every minute counts, fry sliced potatoes country style, using a small amount of meat drippings to help them brown.

Make potato cakes from leftover mashed potatoes.

Prepare hash-brown or creamed potatoes from boiled potato leftovers.

Let potato salad take the place of a sandwich.

In making stuffings for meat or poultry, use potatoes rather than bread.

Top meat pies and other baked dishes with fluffy mashed potatoes instead of pastry crust.

Serve creamed meat, chicken, or fish on mashed potato instead of on toast.

In place of poached egg on toast, try eggs baked in nests of mashed potato.

Make pancakes using fresh grated potato to replace a large part of the flour.

Let cold mashed potatoes do duty for some of the flour in making hot potato scones.

Oatmeal

An average serving of oatmeal without sugar and cream equals approximately two slices of bread in food value.

If every man, woman, and school child will replace two slices of bread with a serving of oatmeal each week, this would mean 135,000 tons of wheat for the hungry in 4 months time.

Use oatmeal to replace part of the wheat flour in making bread, biscuit, muffins, pancakes, cookies.

Use leftover cooked oatmeal as thickening for gravies, soups, and stews.

Use cooked or dry oatmeal as a binder in meat loaf, in place of bread crumbs.

Serve a Scotch soup occasionally, made with rolled oats, potatoes, meat broth, and savory seasonings.

Use cooked oatmeal instead of bread in making fruit betties and puddings.

Corn Meal

Where corn meal is plentiful, use it in cornbread, muffins, griddle cakes, etc.

Use leftover cornbread in stuffings.

In place of a rice pudding, make Indian pudding which contains cornmeal.

Make extra cornmeal mush, to slice and fry in meat drippings . . . and serve hot. The fried slices make a hearty breakfast dish, or can take the place of wheat bread at other meals.

Barley and Buckwheat

Use pearl barley when available to give body to soups and chowders, instead of rice, or spaghetti or vermicelli.

Don't overlook buckwheat cakes as cereal food for breakfast.

What About Rice?

Rice eating countries of the Far East report such imminent mass starvation

that every "additional ounce" they receive is valued. In this country we can—

Use potatoes or hominy grits wherever possible in place of rice in the main course of the meal.

Avoid throwing rice at weddings now, when it is so urgently needed to feed hungry people.

Thrifty Ways with Wheat Bread and Flour

Prevent waste of bread. It is estimated that one slice out of every loaf of bread baked every day goes into garbage. That is enough bread to feed a million people in devastated countries for half a year.

To keep bread fresh and prevent mold, store loaves in moisture-proof paper wrapping in the refrigerator. Or if refrigerator space is not available, store bread unwrapped in a well-ventilated box in a cool place, and scald and sun bread box often. Dry bread can be used, but moldy bread is a total waste.

Follow the lead of the restaurants and serve only enough bread for one slice apiece for each person at the table. Let the family ask for "seconds," and think up ways to make the crusty heel of the loaf a prized piece.

Where bread is baked at home, bring back the old-time custom of slicing bread on the table, and be ready to halve the slices to fit slender appetites.

Dry bread makes good toast. Besides plain toast, don't overlook such kinds as French, cinnamon, hot-milk, cheese, jelly, and the thin Melba toast that smart restaurants often serve in place of soft bread.

Use dry bread in substantial desserts, such as bread and cereal puddings, and baked fruit scallops made of slices or "fingers" of bread combined with canned or fresh fruit and a little sweetening and fat.

Turn odds and ends of bread into dry crumbs. Familiar uses of crumbs are coating foods for frying and topping baked dishes, and stuffing vegetables or meat, these are bread-crumb specialties.

Watch, when toasting and baking. Burned bread feeds nobody!

In making sandwiches, don't trim off and discard crusts. For sandwiches served at home make the open-face type, using one slice of bread instead of two, or better yet, try to let abundant perishable foods take the place of sandwiches entirely.

Don't hoard or waste flour. Buy flour only as needed and keep in a cool dry place, safe from insects and rodents.

Watch flour supplies closely in summer, if flour must be kept in a warm kitchen. Weevils are likely to develop if flour is stored in a warm room for a long time. "Feed hungry people not weevils with your Flour" might be a slogan.

Thrifty Ways with Fats and Oils

A teaspoon of fat a day saved by every man, woman, and school child will mean a total saving of at least one million pounds of fat a day.

Buy tallow and cooking fat only as needed . . . some fats turn rancid if kept too long. Make best use of every bit of fat you have, whether bought as fat or whether it comes with meat, fish, and poultry.

Millbridge Club

ANNA N. LOVETT, Secretary

The Current Events Club of Millbridge has had a very active and interesting season. As the club is restricted to a membership of twenty, with a small annual fee, their finances are small. They held their usual Red Cross and Health Bond parties to raise money for the above Bond and a gift to the Red Cross. A gift is also made to the Philanthropic Associations. The special events for this season were the Christmas and Valentine parties. Our program this season was made up of papers on foreign countries, rivers in the United States, Canada and South America, the Great Lakes, the Pacific War bases, a story of the White House and a book review. All of which have been very instructive and entertaining.

Safety

The National Safety Council is sending out an appeal to the American people to help eliminate needless and careless accidents. In a little pamphlet the council points out that our attitude toward accidents should be similar to that toward disease germs.

"Fifteen years have been added to the normal life span in this country since 1900. And the yearly death rate has been cut 40% during this time.

"If we had been willing to tolerate conditions just as we found them, tens of thousands more people would still be dying needlessly each year, instead of living out healthy, useful lives.

"To a considerable extent, we have been—and still are—willing to tolerate conditions responsible for nearly 7% of all deaths, 8% of all disabilities, and 60% of all permanent physical impairments in this country today.

"Once this fact is fully realized—once the same concern is felt in each case—this country will do to accidents what it has done to germs."

Bake and broil fish, instead of frying. Some fish have plenty of fat of their own for seasoning.

Serve home-made boiled salad dressing instead of rich salad dressings. Or better yet, serve raw vegetable relishes with salt for seasoning.

Make single-crust open-faced pies in place of two-crust kinds. Or use pastry squares on top of stewed fruit in lieu of pie. In place of pastry or cake, make the most of fresh fruit in season for desserts.

Put on ice for the duration of the emergency your taste for French fries and other foods fried in deep fat.

Trim excess fat from meat and poultry before cooking. Render separately at low temperature and strain. Save cracklings for fat and flavor in cornbread, muffins, stews, and soups.

Collect drippings from broiler, roaster, frying pan, and the top of the soup kettle.

Salvage and sterilize fat from plate waste. Remove uneaten fat and meat, render carefully and strain.

Store meat drippings and rendered fat in separate labeled jars, or make an all purpose blend. Keep cold, dry, and covered.

When fat's on the fire, watch the flame. No smoking is the rule. Once fat reaches the smoking point, it breaks down chemically, soon turns rancid, and loses its sweet flavor.